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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE FOR)	Date: March 8, 2004
PREVENTING REVERSE ENGINEERING")	

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified). We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 08/869,824, filed June 6, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,973,375); 10/132,523, filed April 24, 2002; 10/735,841, filed December 12, 2003; and 09/882,892, filed on June 15, 2001. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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(37 C.F.R. 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

This IDS is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Therefore, no fees should be due and this IDS should be fully considered on the merits, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	09/882,892		Baukus et al.			06/15/2001
	10/132,523		Clark Jr. et al.			04/24/2003
	10/735,841		Chow et al.			12/12/2003

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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